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SUBJ : MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION,  
MARCH 5 TO APRIL 3, 1978

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1. POST NOMINATES DR. 'BUNMI ROTIMI, WHO WAS UNTIL RECENTLY  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF  
IFE, AND NOW DIRECTOR-DESIGNATE OF THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE  
NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION(NUC) IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS  
GRANT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE FOR DR. ROTIMI AS IT WILL BE,  
IN EFFECT, AN ORIENTATION FOR HIM AS HE TAKES UP HIS IMPORTANT NEW  
DUTIES AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED  
STATES RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON BETWEEN NIGERIAN AND AMERICAN  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THE GRANT IS FOR DOMESTIC COSTS  
ONLY SINCE THE NUC WILL BE PAYING FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. PART I  
INFO AS FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : DR. 'BUNMI O. ROTIME  
PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR, NUC LIAISON OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.  
PAST POSITIONS : SENIOR LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING  
EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF IFE, ILE-IFE;  
SENIOR LECTURER/PRINCIPAL, ADEYEMI  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION;  
CHIEF INSPECTOR OF EDUCATION, MINISTRY

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OF EDUCATION, IBADAN:  
CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER, MINISTRY OF  
EDUCATION KP IBADAN;  
EDUCATION OFFICER, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,  
IBADAN

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: SEPTEMBER 27, 1925: NIGERIA  
PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN: NONE PREVIOUS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO US: 1948-1952, STUDENT: 1958, OU/ICA PARTICIPANT  
PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: ENGLAND 1952-1954: DENMARK,  
GERMANY AND FRANCO 1953: AUSTRALIA 1962  
PREVIOUS USG GRANT: 1948-7352, TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FROM SYRACUSE  
UNIVERSITY: 1958, COUNTERPART ON CU/ICA PROGRAM  
VISA ELIGIBILITY: NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE  
REASONS FOR NOMINATION: AS DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF  
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, DR. ROTIMI WILL HAVE  
EXTENSIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONTACTS WITH ASSOCIATIONS AND  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS  
MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT PROVIDES AN EXCELL

AIBOPPORTUNITY TO  
ACQUAINT HIM WITH GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN THE  
U.S. AS IT WILL BE AVWILABLE TO NIGERIAN STUDENTS. ALTHOUGH HIS  
RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE UNDERGRADUATE AS WELL AS GRADUATE  
EDUCATION, INCREASING EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE GRADUATE  
PROGRAM AS THE SEVEN NEW NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES DEVELOP. IN  
ESSENCE, DR. ROTIMI IS THE PERFECT NIGERIAN CANDIDATE FOR THIS  
PROJECT.  
OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE OF THIS VISIT  
WILL BE TO ORIENT DR. ROTIMI REGARDING GRADUATE ASPECTS OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE U.S. A SECOND OBJECTIVE, WHICH CAN BE  
PURSUED DURING THE FINAL SEGMENT OF THE PROJECT, WILL BE TO  
VISIT UNIVERRSITIES WITH SIGNIFICENT NUMBERS OF NIGERIAN STUDENTS  
IN THEIR GRADUATE PROGRAMS. THESE WOULD INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS,  
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, HOWARD  
UNIVERSITY, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, AND UNIVERSITY OF  
CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES. GIVEN THE RECENT VISITS TO NIGERIA  
BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO,  
JACKSON STATE, AND DILLARD UNIVERSITY AS WELL AS THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MINNESOTA), VISITS TO THESE CAMPUSES MIGHT ALSO BE APPPROPRIATE.

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